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Local News.

Wilson-Duffy Drug Co. All kinds of drugs.

E. A. Fraser was in Vale on business several days the past week.

C. G. Hall and wife returned Tuesday from a visit to relatives at Parma.

Mrs. L. M. Morton and Mrs. F. M. Draper visited Payette Saturday.

Our August reduction sale is now going on in good shape. M. M. Co.

John Diess arrived home Saturday from a visit to his sister at Wallawa.

R. J. Ivers, of Watson, was in Ontario, Vale and Weiser on business this week.

County Commissioner C. W. Mallett returned yesterday from a business trip to La Grande.

E. M. Grieg is visiting at his former home in Iowa. Mrs. Grieg went to Iowa last spring.

L. E. Ellis, brother-in-law of C. E. Kenyon, arrived Wednesday from New Hampton, Mo., on a visit.

"Uncle Tommy" Barton is home from his visit to relatives near Salem and a trip to the Seattle fair.

Mrs. A. L. Spruel and son Harold arrived home Wednesday from their visit to Portland and Seattle.

Change of program three times a week at the Electric Maze, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Lyte Howard left Wednesday for Seattle to take in the fair after which he will visit his sister at Bellingham, Wash.

There will be no services at the Congregational Church next Sunday, but regular services will be held the following Sunday.

Mrs. D. H. Kerfoot has gone to Weiser and from there will accompany a party of friends on an outing trip in the mountains.

J. A. Reed, wife and son are home from the Seattle fair and report having had a splendid trip and a most enjoyable time.

E. A. Fraser is having a cement walk built in front of his residence along Idaho avenue. The work is being done by Hamlet & Johnson.

The Argus man and family left for Austin, Ore., on Tuesday on an outing. J. R. Gregg will edit the Argus for the next three weeks, and any favors extended to Mr. Gregg will be duly appreciated.

Dale C. Shockley, of Darlington, Wis., a boyhood friend of Hon. W. H. Brooke visited in Ontario last week, the guest of Mr. Brooke. He is looking for a location and is an attorney by profession. He thinks this section has a wonderful future.

J. H. Seaward has just had a concrete sidewalk built around his handsome \$4,500 residence on the east side. The walk was put in by Jas. Castagneto. Considerable cement work has been built in the resident portion of the city this summer and more is to be built soon.

Hon. W. H. Brooke left Tuesday for Portland to take testimony in the case of the United States vs. Rosa C. Kern, et al., involving title to land in Harney County. Mr. Brooke will attend the National Irrigation Congress at Spokane, being appointed a Delegate from this section by S. E. McKArthur, and will also visit the Seattle fair during his absence.

Try a gallon of pure honey vinegar; 35 cents. M. M. Co.

Mrs. H. L. Poorman returned Saturday from a visit to relatives and friends in Boise.

Henry Griffin arrived home Tuesday morning from a visit to the Seattle exposition.

Chas. McDonald and wife left Monday for Seattle where they will visit the exposition.

Miss Della Johnson, of Weiser, visited with her aunt, Mrs. C. W. Johnson in this city this week.

H. C. Garret, the Vale real estate man, was in the city this week and took his departure Thursday for Seattle.

Jack Napton, of Westfall, was in Ontario Tuesday returning from a visit to his brother J. S. Napton at Big Bend.

Miss Edna Williams returned Sunday from a visit to her mother and other relatives and friends in Jordan Valley.

Dr. J. E. Sharp and wife arrived home Saturday from a visit to relatives in Portland and a trip to the Seattle exposition.

John Landingham has accepted a position as a fireman for the O. S. L. and is now on the run between Boise and Nampa.

Mrs. Jas. Eshom and daughter Della went to Weiser Saturday to attend "Grandma" Williams' 92nd birthday anniversary celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McDonald and their wife, Miss McLaughlin, took their departure Tuesday afternoon for Portland and Seattle.

Harry T. Lackey and Murray Morton are home from the Seattle fair. Harry visited Couer D'Alene and registered for the land drawing.

F. W. Allen and A. J. Whitesides arrived home Saturday from their fishing trip at the Wallawa lake. They report a splendid time and plenty of fish.

S. A. Hobson and wife took their departure Wednesday for Springfield, Ore., to visit their daughter, Mrs. Lester Purcell, after which they will attend the Seattle exposition.

Mrs. G. E. King arrived home yesterday from a visit to her son Ira N. King and wife at Nelson, B. C., where Ira is engaged as manager of a telephone company.

Topic for morning service at the United Presbyterian Hall next Sabbath will be "Followers of What?" Evening, "The Sabbath Was Made for Man."

C. E. Kenyon, cashier of the First National Bank, took his departure yesterday for Seattle. He will be joined at Portland by his wife, who is visiting relatives at Eugene, and together they will visit the fair.

D. F. Fairchild and wife and Alex Phipps and wife took their departure Monday for Walla Walla where they will attend the reunion of the Warfield family. The two ladies are members of this noted Illinois family.

W. T. Lampkin and wife took their departure Monday for Portland where Mrs. Lampkin will receive medical treatment. The lady has been in poor health for some time and her many friends here hope for her speedy recovery.

There will be a meeting of the stock holders of the Ontario Independent Telephone company at the Commercial Club rooms this evening when the by-laws of the new company will be adopted, permanent officers elected and other important business transacted.

DECISION WILL BE GIVEN IN OCTOBER

Fate of Malheur Project Will Then be Known.

After his conference with the reclamation engineers in Portland Monday Secretary of the Interior Ballinger gave out the information that the division of the reclamation fund for the work of 1910 would be made on or before Oct. 1st, and the fate of the Malheur project may not be known until then.

Mr. Ballinger said: "I am heartily in sympathy with any plan that will reduce operating expense while expending the maximum sum in actual construction."

The allotment of \$11,000,000 which must be spent by the government before the end of 1910, is exactly \$16,000,000 short of the amount asked for in order to carry on the work. In order to carry out Mr. Ballinger's announced policy of aggressive construction and the speedy completion of the projects now under way, the greatest possible economy will have to be practiced in the matter of what are called "overhead charges"—expenses arising from the maintenance of offices in Washington and Chicago, and in the branch offices all over the country.

Mr. Newell stated that an attempt would be made in the ensuing year to complete all the larger reclamation projects. These, as enumerated by him, include the following:

Roosevelt dam in Arizona, 70 miles above Phoenix; Gunnison tunnel, largest in the world, in central Colorado; dike at Pathfinder, dam in central Wyoming.

Farmers' Institute.

The Farmers' Institute held at the opera house in this city Saturday afternoon and evening was very well attended considering the hot weather and the fact that this is a very busy time of year for those most interested in such meetings.

Mayor G. A. Pogue, one of the leading horticulturists of this section, presided at both meetings.

At the afternoon meeting Prof. C. L. Lewis, horticulturalist at Oregon Agricultural college, delivered a very interesting and instructive address on horticulture, treating on the subjects of scale, bore worms, pear blight and other fruit pests and the effects of frost on fruit. He recommended Jonathan, Rome Beauty and Winesap apples as the best adapted for this section.

At the evening session Dr. Kerr, president of the college, delivered a very able address on the subject of "Industrial Education," his theme being that the students in the High schools should be given more of the industrial studies such as book keeping, etc., and less of latin, history, etc., especially in the rural districts, as a very small per cent of pupils in the public schools and High school students attend colleges and universities, and they should be given the branches during their school years that would best suit them in the battles of life in the vocations they will pursue.

Railroad Construction.

Construction work has been commenced by the Harriman system between Odell and Norton and a rumor says that 40 miles of road west from Vale has just been contracted.

ing; Tieton system in Yakima valley, Wash.; Boise system in Idaho, Minidoka system in Idaho, Bellefourche in South Dakota, largest earth dam in the world; dam on Yellowstone in Montana, dam on Rio Grande in New Mexico, to be continued.

"The question of cutting out Idaho was considered, that state having received more attention than Oregon, but everything is uncertain as to just what steps will be taken, as it seems unwise to stop the work in one particular section with the idea of advancing the interests of another."

Walter Griffiths, A. W. Trow, J. M. Joseph, J. E. Johnson and I. W. Hope, the committee chosen at the mass meetings held at Ontario and Vale last week with Colonel C. E. S. Woods and Walter Martin, of the road land companies are home from Portland where they were sent to confer with the Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and the reclamation officials to urge the expending of the \$2,000,000 set aside for Oregon on the Malheur project.

Mr. Trow feels greatly encouraged and says that the only thing that will prevent the government from taking up the Malheur project is the lack of available funds, and he believes this obstacle will be readily overcome as the secretary recognizes that Oregon has not received her just proportion of the fund and will do all in his power to aid us.

Phone Line to Jordan.

A Caldwell dispatch of Aug. 2nd to the Boise Statesman says: C. J. Sisel of Boise and Elmer Clark of this city returned today from a trip to Jordan valley in the interests of the Independent Telephone company. The object of the trip was to settle the ranchers between Caldwell and Jordan valley feel about contributing to have a telephone line between the two places.

Mr. Sinsel stated on his return that his company would build as soon as material could be gotten together. They found the ranchers along the route and the business men at Jordan all enthusiastic over the proposition. Messrs. Clark and Sinsel were well pleased with their trip.

Idaho District Railroad.

The commercial club of Boise has taken the first step to test the Idaho district railroad law, and petitions are now being circulated authorizing the construction of a district built railroad in Ada county. The validity of the law is to be tested in a friendly suit and if declared constitutional by the courts the plan will be put in operation by the construction of a district railroad across the state.

At Work on the Bridge.

Work has commenced on the Ontario Snake river bridge, the approach from the Oregon side is now being put in. The contractors have encountered shale in driving the piling which makes this part of the work very difficult. The bridge will be completed and open for traffic this fall.

AN OPEN LETTER

Deputy Assessor Dearborn Replies to Criticism of Nyssa Sun.

Deputy Assessor Dearborn has sent the following letter to the Nyssa Sun:

"The Nyssa Sun,"

Mr. Editor: In your issue of July 29th appears an editorial in which you discuss the position taken by Messrs. Wood and Martin of the Wagon Road Land Grant Companies in regard to "Private Irrigation," and in which you say: "At present the settlers who have ranches near them have an assessed valuation of \$100 per acre, while the road companies, it is asserted (happy evasion of direct responsibility for a wanton misstatement of facts) have an assessed valuation to their large acreages of \$15 per acre with as feasible land for water."

If your reporter, if you have one, or yourself or whoever is responsible for your saving clause, "it is reported" had been up to the facts and conditions obtaining in Malheur county as to assessment he would have known that all lands of the road companies are assessed at exactly the same valuation as the same class of lands are assessed to the settler or private owners.

In other words an acre of non-tillable land belonging to the land grant companies is assessed at exactly the same value as an acre of non-tillable land belonging to a settler, and land susceptible of being brought into cultivation, under existing conditions, that is, that which is under a canal and to which irrigation is available is assessed the same per acre whether owned by a land grant company or a homesteaded son of toil.

Cultivated land, if the company had any, would be valued the same as yours, if you had any.

All this twaddle about the road companies not being taxed in just proportion to the actual settler makes one who knows exasperating weary.

How can an assessor place a valuation of \$100 on one man's acre when he places a \$50 valuation on another man's acre of the same class of land and make it stick with a board of equalization?

I have not figured up the average valuation of the Company lands in this country but with all their non-tillable lands (and that class is valued for assessment at \$1.25 per acre, to whomsoever assessed) it may well be that the AVERAGE is not above \$15.

The impression your article seeks to make on the reader is that they are assessed at \$15 for land of the class that the farmers are made to pay a tax on a valuation of \$100 and I say most emphatically such is not the case.

I agree with you that the farmer's 80 acres well improved and cultivated enhances the value of the road lands adjoining or adjacent, but if you would assess the company at \$100 per acre for its uncultivated land what would you do with Farmer Corntots' 15 other 80 which he has not yet broken up?

Until provision is made for taxing unearned increment we must be assessed as we are and the assessor cannot conscientiously nor in equity make flesh of you and fish of others.

Why not have your reporter (or if not too busy yourself) chiding Caldwell or Boise to get the "Sun" run off on something other than a press of Gutenberg vintage either interview someone who knows things, or examine a particular section then look it up on the tax roll and see for yourself, but don't, please don't, slap other people over the shoulder of the already fatigued assessor.

Respectfully Yours,
D. P. Dearborn,
Deputy Assessor.

Local News.

Wilson-Duffy Co. for all kinds of drugs.

Saratoga chips, 15 cents package. M. M. Co.

Mrs. F. M. Johnson is visiting friends in Portland.

Mrs. R. L. Griffin is visiting relatives at Hailey, Idaho.

I. V. Blayney was in from Barren Valley the first of the week.

White River flour is the best on the market; try a sack. M. M. Co.

Mrs. R. D. Greer, returned Tuesday from a visit to the Owyhee.

J. H. Farley, the furniture dealer, was in Vale on business Monday.

Tom Jones and family are enjoying a summer outing at the Payette lakes.

Mrs. Adrian Rutherford, who has been quite ill, is reported as improving nicely.

Deputy Assessor D. P. Dearborn was in Vale on official business Tuesday.

Chas. Becker, the Westfall stockman, was in the city on business this week.

H. J. Van Ness, of Pocatello, is visiting with his mother, Mrs. G. A. Candland in this city.

John Boswell, the Vale druggist, accompanied by his wife was in Ontario Wednesday en route to the Seattle fair.

The remains of Fred Miles, who died at Vale of typhoid fever, were shipped east to Riceville, Iowa, Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Moritt returned to her home at Vale Saturday after a brief visit with relatives and friends in this city.

Deputy County Clerk Thos. E. McKnight, arrived home yesterday from a pleasant visit to his old home in Linn county.

Mrs. L. Adam and children took their departure Saturday for Payette Lakes where they will spend their summer outing.

The local Loyal Temperance Legion, Mrs. G. W. Morrison leader, enjoyed a pleasant picnic in the grove at the residence of Mr. Len Morton on last Wednesday.

Geo. Curry and wife, formerly of Juntura, arrived Sunday from Miles City, Mont., and will probably make their home in this city. Mr. Curry may engage in business here.

County Surveyor Paul Jones and Road Viewers C. D. Davis and E. R. Murray returned Tuesday from the Dead Ox Flat where they located and surveyed a new county road.

John Weaver has awarded the contract to J. A. Draper for the construction of a large handsome residence on the farm that he purchased from Tom Jones three miles southwest of town last spring. The cost of the new dwelling will be over \$3,000.

Rev. Garver preached his farewell sermon at the M. E. Church last Sunday evening. Mr. Garver has moved to Payette where he will engage in the practice of law. The new pastor for the Methodist Church here will be named at the conference which convenes Aug. 8th.

Ward Canfield has leased the O. F. building, north of the post office and has rented part of it to H. L. Poorman. Mr. Poorman has moved his plumbing and tin shop to this new location and Mr. Canfield has opened a feed store in the building. He will also manufacture his famous camp stoves here.

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	Former Price.	Now.
Gloves	\$1.25	\$.75
Gloves	1.00	.60
Gloves	1.50	.90
Gloves	.75	.40
Balls	1.25	.75
Balls	1.00	.60
Balls	.35	.20
Balls	.25	.15
Masks	1.25	1.00
Masks	.50	.30
Caps	.25	.15
Bats	.50	.30
Bats	.25	.15
Bats	1.50	1.00
Bats	1.00	.60
Bats	.75	.40

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